

FRESNO, CA - Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced today that the Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries operated by the Office of Refugee Resettlement will receive \$180,000 in funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“With the Central Valley receiving 2,400 refugees over the last two years, it is important to provide these newly arrived refugees services that will help them get started in living in the United States,” Congressman Costa explained.

The Services for Recently Arrived Refugees grant will be used to provide the teaching of vocational skills and English as a Second Language classes to Hmong refugees. The grant will further assist the refugees in employment, transportation, housing, and green card status adjustment. The goal of the program is to educate these individuals with the skills to live successfully within American society.

“This grant will allow the Interdenominational Refugee Ministries the chance to continue their efforts in providing refugees the opportunity to further improve their lives,” Costa concluded.

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